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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RECEIVED

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated

June 28, 2002, Applicants elect Group VI, claims 17-20,

without traverse.

Please note that claims 2-16 had been canceled in the Request for Continuation Application filed on April 27, 2001. Claim 1 was canceled and new claims 17-22 added in the Preliminary Amendment filed April 27, 2001. Therefore, only claims 17-22 should have been pending in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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